

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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**UNITED STATES of AMERICA**

**v.**

**JONATHAN GONZALEZ,**

**Defendant.**

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**Criminal No.  
16-10287-FDS**

**ORDER CONCERNING COMPETENCY**

**SAYLOR, J.**

After a hearing, and for good cause shown, the Court makes the following findings and orders pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241:

The Court adopts the findings and conclusions set forth in the report of Dr. Donald Sherak, M.D., dated July 5, 2018, including that defendant Jonathan Gonzalez is suffering from a Delusional Disorder, Mixed Type (Persecutory type); that his “current mental functioning process is such that he is unable to arrive at decisions rationally, as his thinking is strongly colored by significant relevant distortions that are due to mental illness” (Rept. at 12); that said mental illness “prevent[s] him from appropriately engaging in a court process or to appreciate the charges against him, or the proceedings of a trial as it would progress” (Rept. at 11); and that such disorder may require antipsychotic medication administered continuously over an extended period of time (Rept. at 14).

The Court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant is suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to

understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defense.

The Court orders, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241(d), that the defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States, and that the Attorney General shall hospitalize defendant in a suitable facility for treatment for such a reasonable period of time, not to exceed four months, as is necessary to determine whether there is a substantial probability that in the foreseeable future he will attain the capacity to permit the proceedings to go forward.

The Court further orders, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241(e), that if the director of the facility in which the defendant is hospitalized determines that he has recovered to such an extent that he is able to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him and to assist properly in his defense, the director shall promptly file a certificate to that effect with the Clerk of Court for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The Court further orders that a copy of this Order be given to the United States Marshal; that the U.S. Marshal make arrangements as are necessary for the hospitalization of the defendant as required by this Order; that if the defendant is hospitalized outside the District of Massachusetts, upon his return to the district from the facility, the U.S. Marshal immediately notify this Court of that fact; and that the period of commitment from the date of the Court's Order be excluded in computing the time within which the trial of any such offense must commence, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(A).

**So Ordered.**

Dated: December 19, 2018

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV  
F. Dennis Saylor IV  
United States District Judge